

**Maricopa County Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
Environmental Services  
1001 North Central Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Fl Conference Room  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004  
3:00 p.m.  
May 19, 2003**

**Members Present:**

Audrey Adamic  
William C. Brainard, M.D.  
Don Cassano  
Steven G. Nelson, M.D.  
Brian F. Spicker  
Stephen West, M.D.  
Pam Wight  
Maricopa County Supervisor Max Wilson, District 4

**Member Excused:**

Susanne Cook

**Member Absent:**

Patrick Van Zanen

Ex Officio: Jonathan B. Weisbuch, M.D., M.P.H.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.; three members were present with one member excused.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

*Mr. Spicker made the motion to approve the April 28, 2003 Board of Health Meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Cassano seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by eight votes.*

**Resurrection Street Ministry Fee Waiver:**

Ms. Minichiello, Program Manager, Environmental Services, said the Resurrection Street Ministry fee waiver application presented to the Board of health members today meets the guidelines for a fee waiver.

*Mr. Cassano made the motion to approve the fee waiver request for the Resurrection Street Ministry. Ms. Adamic seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by eight votes.*

**Nurse Scholarship Program:**

Dr. Cox, Administrator, Office of Family Health, Department of Public Health, explained the concept of the "Grow Our Own" Training Program is geared to increasing the nursing workforce for The Department of Public Health and Correctional Health Services. The nursing field has reached the critical shortage proportion. This is an unprecedented shortage. The nursing field is experiencing an increase in the demand for nurses while experiencing a decrease in supply. The Department of Public Health is not well known as an employment opportunity in the nursing field. The goal is to develop a nursing workforce within the County.

Ms. Georgeff, Grant Development Officer, Department of Public Health, explained the program concept discussed today was developed to provide career advancement within the departments. The opportunities offer two options of training. The first level will be the Bachelor of Science in Nursing or a Registered Nurse. The second track would be to offer individuals who have not completed a nursing program the opportunity to earn an Associate degree in nursing. This initial pilot program will provide ten opportunities for career advancement. The program will offer full scholarships for tuition and books. Criteria will be established to include only full-time employees with a guarantee to remain employed for a time period as a commitment in return for the scholarship. Employees terminating their employment with either department will forfeit their tuition agreement. Fall 2003 is the target date to begin the pilot program.

*Dr. Brainard made the motion to approve the concept to provide full scholarships for tuition and books for ten employees as a means of increasing the nursing workforce for the Department of Public Health and Correctional Health Services and to submit this concept to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Mr. Spicker seconded the motion as presented. The motion passed unanimously with seven votes.*

**Items for Discussion:****Clinical Building – Department of Public Health/Environmental Services:**

Mr. Hinchman, Project Manager, Facilities Management, Maricopa County, thanked Dr. Weisbuch for the opportunity to discuss this great project. Mr. Hinchman acknowledged his appreciation for the opportunity to develop this project with assistance from Public Health team members. Ms. Dean, Private Consultant, has served as a liaison to the designer and construction contractor with Mr. Russell, Facilities Manager, The Department of Public Health, providing internal knowledge of the department facilities. Both individuals have provided valuable input to the developer.

The construction phase of the project was awarded on a basis referred to as Quality Based Selection versus Low Bid Award. This is an entirely new process where contracts are awarded for prior experience in the field, having successfully completed a structure of this type, in addition to meeting the environmental and performance needs geared to customer service. Another important aspect is to maintain an office in Arizona. Maricopa County recognizes this method of selection as a dynamic approach for selection to meet the highest level of performance. Mr. Orcutt, principal of The Orcutt Winslow Partnership, is present today with accompanying associates, Mr. Terry and Mr. Tiscornia. The Orcutt Winslow Partnership has many years of experience in an urban environment and is recognized as a leader in the field. The newest addition to the team is Holder Construction, known for their skill in adapting to congested urban areas as well as providing an environmental friendly approach to their projects.

The entire project is approximately 56,000 sq. ft. with an inclusive budget of 15.5 million dollars, of which 75 to 80% actually provides the building itself. A Ground Breaking ceremony is scheduled for this fall.

Mr. Brown, Director, Environmental Services, is looking forward to the new Department of Public Health/Environmental Services building alleviating space problems for his staff. The Food Handlers Program is in dire need of additional space. A loading dock will be built with an elevator to assist the equipment handling area for the Air Monitoring Program. A separate ventilation system has been incorporated into the building to separate the clinical areas from those non-clinical areas. Mr. Brown is happy to announce the new building as certified to meet the energy and environmental needs of the community.

Mr. Tansill, Administrator, Clinical Services, Department of Public Health, applauded the many benefits the new building will provide for clinical services at The Department of Public Health. Space utilization in the new building will enhance customer service, provide centralized services: including registration, cashiering functions, and medical records, while improving the efficiency of the clinic overall.

Dr. Weisbuch, Director, Department of Public Health, said the administrative group at the Department of Public Health is a candidate to partner with other medical institutions near the Genome Project in the vicinity of 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets bordered by Fillmore Street. This offer encompasses the opportunity to be affiliated through proximity with foremost medical institutions. The department is looking at funding possibilities to bring this partnership to realization.

**April Foodborne Outbreaks:**

Ms. Santana, Director, Epidemiology/Vital Registration, Department of Public Health, explained there has been a high frequency of foodborne outbreaks since late March of this year. A brief explanation of the findings for each major outbreak is listed below.

Chompies – half of the catered meals in one day caused great distress to a lot of people. This outbreak only involved catered food. No one eating in one of Chompies Restaurants was involved in this outbreak.

Quiznos – The suspect in the Quiznos investigation is a challenged product possibly made the day before.

Crazy Jim's – There might have been a problem with contamination of the lettuce. The investigation revealed raw eggs used in the salad dressing. The restaurant has switched to a pasteurized form of salad dressing as a result of the investigation.

Pizza Hut – Many individuals became sick at a 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The investigation was dropped. An unlicensed caterer was involved.

Desert Princess Cruise on Lake Pleasant – One couple reported ill. No other reports. The investigation was dropped.

Rancho de Tia Rosa – Never totally able to pinpoint the source. Several issues to discuss – dirty rice, high counts of bacteria in the salsa, and in the sour cream. Biggest problem was no food left to test from the source of the complaints.

Ocotillo, Orangewood, and Pubelo Norte – All involved are non-restaurant complaints. The investigation did not reveal a specific cause. This outbreak might have been associated with a bacterial infection. No positive results for contamination in this outbreak.

Arizona State University – A small group of students vacationing in Rocky Point, Mexico became ill during spring break. The investigation was never able to pinpoint the source of the illness.

**Current Events Summary:**

No items or issues were discussed.

**Call to the Public:**

No one was present to respond.

**Announcements:**

No announcements.

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Pam Wight, President

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Jonathan B. Weisbuch, M.D., Secretary

The minutes were transcribed and edited by Susan Attiah.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.